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LRT fare-evading fines could rise

• Officials also evaluating increased penalties for other infractions

LRT passengers who dare to ride without paying the fare could soon be in for a greater scare.

Calgary Transit safety co-ordinator Brian Whitelaw said his team plans to bring forward a proposal early next year to bump the penalty for fare evasion up \$100 to \$250.

In the spring, transit officials surveyed 33,500 customers to determine where people most frequently avoid paying and why. The results indicate evasion levels have

remained steady at around 4.5 per cent, but stations nearest to the downtown free-fare zone tend to see more passengers cheating the system.

"Increasing the cost of the fine would likely change some of that thinking around whether to ride for free or not," Whitelaw said.

Waiting at Banff Trail station, where the greatest number of fare violators were found this year, 19-year-old rider Hannah Macgillivray said it's only fair in her mind that

everyone pays.

"If they up the fine it might make some people more conscientious about it," she added.

But fellow passenger Blair Schmidt, who often avoids paying, disagreed. He believes the \$2.75 per-ride charge is too expensive and hiking the violation fine will serve little purpose.

"When you don't have the money, what are you going to do?" he

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Mr. Claus gives out gift cards to Calgarians

After parking his sleigh on the roof of a downtown building, Santa dropped in on lunch-time crowds and delivered \$25 Visa gift cards to Calgarians. His arrival marks the start of many holiday events and activities in the downtown core.

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Reaching far beyond their cells

• Incarcerated students fundraise to build a school in Sierra Leone, learn about the nation



They're locked up for crimes ranging from theft to first-degree murder, but that hasn't stopped some Calgary teens from working to aid less-fortunate kids living far away.

Project Africa was conceived by Tahra Chaudhary, a teacher at West View school located inside the Calgary Young Offenders Centre. The goal is to raise more than \$20,000 to build a school in Sierra Leone, and every student and staff member at the centre has become involved in one way or another.

"I wanted the opportunity for our students to connect with others from another part of the world," she said.

"I think they're a group of young people that don't realize the power they possess — the power to really impact people in a positive way."

So far, the centre has raised nearly \$7,000 through bake sales and other initiatives.

Along with the fundraising, students have been heavily researching the impoverished African nation. Two of the youth involved spoke to Metro about the experience. The Youth Criminal Justice Act prevents their names and the nature of their crimes from being revealed.

"I have learned that if we



all work together we can fix so much," explained a female student.

"At the end of the day, all we have is each other."

Her male peer hopes the group's efforts will spur others into action.

"Every little bit counts.... If we can do it anybody else can," he said. Chaudhary said the project has grown beyond her wildest dreams and energized her students to dream far beyond the confines of their cells.

"I find that as they're doing projects like this, there's almost a look of hope in their eyes," she said. "It's exciting."

Taking action.

- There are roughly 80 incarcerated youth enrolled at West View school
- Project Africa's next major fundraiser will be an art

gallery in early February.

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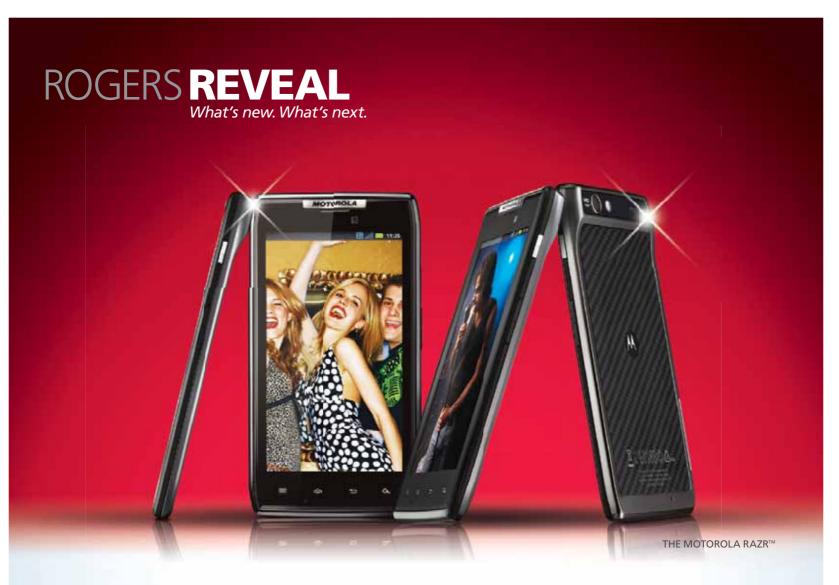


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Restaurant closed amid drug trafficking suspicions

Officials have closed a southeast Calgary restaurant frequented by high school-aged children amid police allegations a drug trafficking ring was being run out of it.

Const. Brad Christie said investigators were first alerted to concerns regarding Raja Foods and Pizza, at 1801 1st St. S.E., in the summer, and noted a particularly disturbing detail is the establishment's close proximity to St. Mary's High School.

"We have kids wandering over on their spares, or-



dering pizza and sitting in this place without any idea of what's really going on," he said

Police announced Thursday they have laid charges

against the owner of the establishment and three other individuals, including a minor.

Their charges range from possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking to carrying a concealed weapon.

Upon learning of the charges, both the City of Calgary's chief licence inspector and Alberta Health Services officials worked immediately to suspend the restaurant pending an official licence review hearing.

JEREMY NOLAIS



Turning to private school for languages

• Many claim public school system has put French and Spanish language teaching on the back burner



Some parents registering their kids at a southeast private school Thursday say they have lost faith in the public system to teach second languages.

Meanwhile, staff members at her institution of choice, the 42-year-old Calgary French & International School, say they have never been busier.

At least five parents slept out in the cold overnight to reserve their spot at the front of the line for Thursday's private school registration, said admissions director Karen Macpherson. Mother Tania Constan-

tine arrived with her son Gavin at 5:45 a.m. to find 60 people already in front of them.

"My husband wanted a

"My husband wanted a Spanish background and I wanted French for him," she said, adding few public schools offer both.

Three other mothers speaking to Metro also expressed concerns about the second-language options — or lack thereof — within the Calgary Board of Education

Statistics revealed in October indicated 24 CBE elementary schools have stopped offering French fol-

lowing a change to course guidelines announced in the spring.

Sheila McLeod, global learning director for the CBE, pointed out that the public board still offers numerous French-immersion programs and said secondlanguage classes in regular programs have never aimed to make a child bilingual.

"The intention is really to introduce them to a language," she said.

CBE schools that have dropped second-language offerings will revisit that decision each year, and Macpherson hopes many will reconsider mandatory language programs.

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Sex assault charges laid

Calgary police have charged a man in relation to a sexual assault that occurred on Nov. 7.

Daniel Christopher Ma-

hon, 29, of Calgary has been charged with an assault that allegedly occurred in a fenced dumpster area in the 200 block of 12 Avenue south-

Mahon remains in custody and will reappear in court on Dec. 5.

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If I know the people who regularly read this column, and I think I do, you're probably expecting me to write about the city's recent woes with weather.

But before the hurricane winds and first real snowstorm of the season crippled this city, I had already written this column, which quite frankly is about something far more important: the Santa Claus parade.

Ever since it was can-

"Here's the thing, no city really has money for a Santa Claus parade, but it's one of those things that you spend money on. What Canadian child doesn't have memories of a parade, big or small?"

celled in 2007 to make way for road construction, I've been baffled by Calgary's lack of interest in bringing it back.

With only a few weeks to go until the big day, I thought I'd remind the Scrooge-like city officials, who continue to deprive Calgarians of the time-honoured Christmas tradition, why exactly we need to bring back the Santa Claus parade:

1. Because it's going to be a long time until we have a parade featuring

the Stanley Cup.
2. Because a Santa Claus parade will be an excellent opportunity to distract the Occupy Calgary protesters and take away the final few tents.

3. If the wind picks up again, it will be like watching a parade in a real-life Snow Globe, except with metal and wood.

4. Because I hate paying for candy canes.

5. Santa would need elves and Barb Higgins probably still needs work.

6. Because we can't be a city that has sponsored transit stations, but no sponsors for a Santa Claus

7. Regina has one. How can we even think about calling ourselves a worldclass city when we can't even compete with Regi-

8. Politicians love coming to parades, so why are we depriving ourselves of the enjoyment of watching Jason Kenney struggle to sincerely care about

this city for 20 city blocks?

9. Because we can get Nickelback to perform, and if there is any city that will welcome Nickelback, it's (sadly) Calgary.

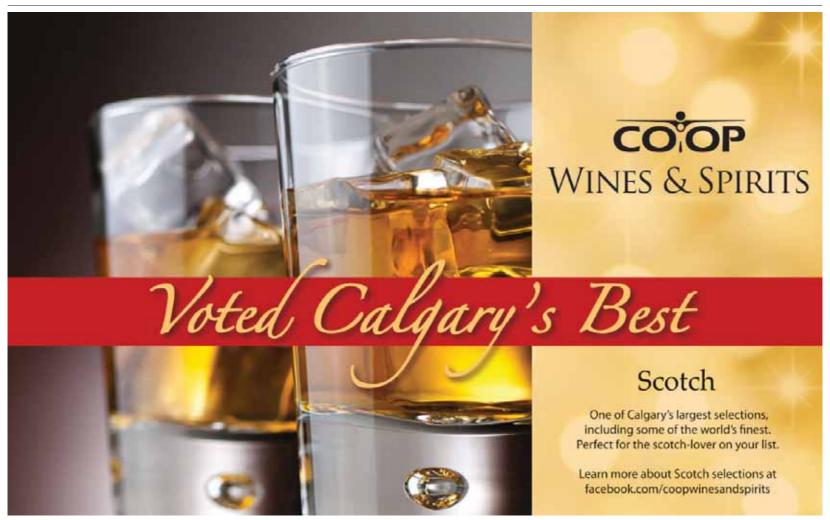
10. Because we all have memories of sitting on the curb with our parents, watching the Santa Claus parade, which is definitely not the same as only seeing him in the mall.

Calgary has said that not having a parade is more a money issue than anything else.

Here's the thing: no city really has money for a Šanta Člaus parade, but it's one of those things that you spend money on.

What Canadian child doesn't have memories of a parade, big or small? In truth, I don't know much about children but I've always thought that you could never put a value on child's smile when they see Santa Claus.

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It may be a short road but the roughly 150-metre stretch leading to the Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre has a long history, and now a new name.

On Thursday, a new street sign was unveiled with the name Dermot Baldwin Way, after the centre's former executive director.

"At first I thought it was a joke," Baldwin said. "A really good one."

After spending years as an advocate for the homeless, Baldwin said this day marks the strides Calgary



has made in recognizing the Drop-In Centre as a vital organization.

of the Drop-In Centre.

"We've had some notoriety as well as infamy, I guess, related to the area," he said.

Debbie Newman, the centre's current director, said she couldn't think of a more apt name for the street.

"It's very fitting," she said. "It's the roadway that he built to the centre."

Baldwin said he couldn't have picked a better spot in the city to which to attach his name.

"It's on a corner, a part of Calgary that I've loved," he said. "It's kind of neat now that we can tell people, if you go to Dermot Baldwin Way, you'll receive service. It's such a compliment."



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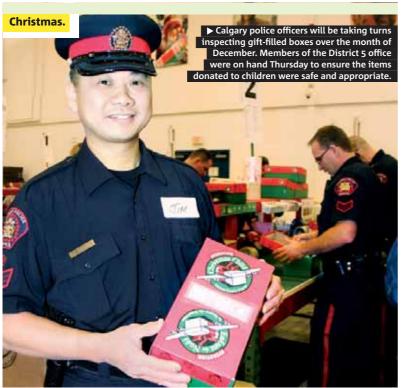
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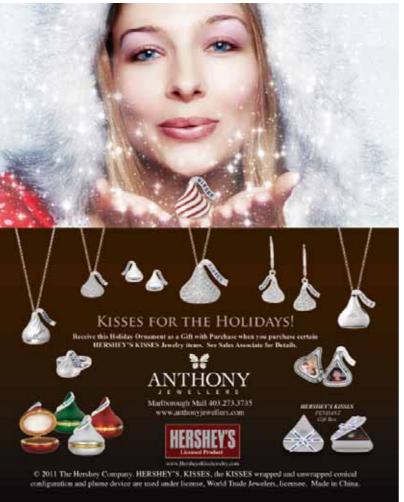
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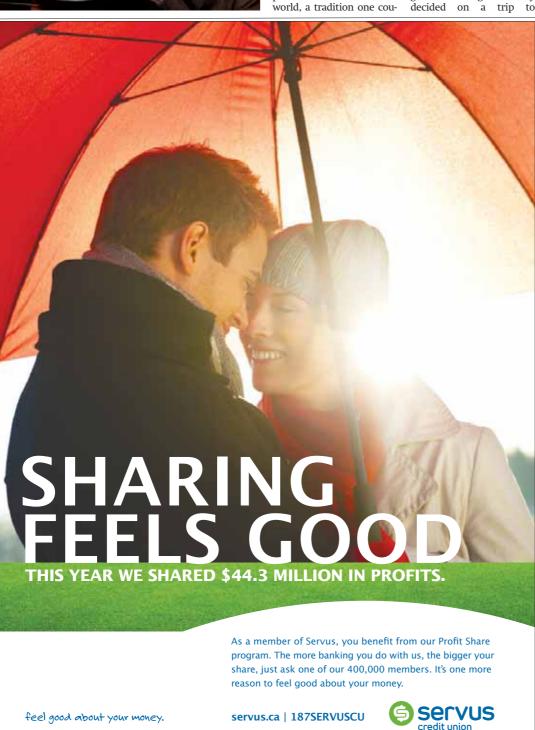


Calgary's iconic white hat has been presented to people from all areas of the world, a tradition one couple plans to carry on when they hand-deliver a hat to the Amazon jungle.

After growing tired of the standard all-inclusive beach vacation, Abi Paul began researching and finally decided on a trip to Ecuador to explore the Amazon and visit the indigenous people.

"After a while things start to feel the same, and it doesn't feel like you're experiencing a local culture," said the 34-year-old real estate appraiser.

Paul plans to bring a white cowboy hat to exchange for learning about their culture. "I just wanted to involve something deeper with meeting local people," said Paul.



Infielder stands tall after losing eye in 'freak accident'

Tyler Lowey holds a baseball next to his right eye, which was crushed in a "freak accident" at the plate.

JEREMY NOLAIS @METRONEWS.CA

Tyler Lowey remembers every moment of the accident that cost him an eye.

Early in his fourth year with B.C.'s Thompson Rivers University Wolfpack baseball team, the 20-year-old Calgary infielder stepped up to the plate just as he had thousands of times before.

"First at-bat, last game of the long weekend," he recalled. "Full count and a high pitch came in. I wanted a piece of it."

Lowey swung out in front of the ball, taking a piece of it off the narrow part of his bat. In the next moment, he experienced the worst pain of his life.

"It went straight into my eye.... It was a freak accident, I guess," he said. "I wish I had gotten knocked out — that thing crushed my head.

"They told me later my eye exploded."

Lowey was rushed to hospital and underwent emergency surgery. His right eye could not be saved

That was in early October. Looking back, Lowey

Talented player

Before his injury, Tyler had received a scholarship offer from a university in the U.S. and had been invited to a pro camp.

admits the road to recovery has been tough. He is learning how to perform tasks with one eye, including, of course, catching a baseball.

Teammates and friends at Thompson Rivers have kept in close contact. One of his professors, Shawn Thompson, has even begun incorporating Lowey into classroom discussions through Twitter.

"I (am) impressed by how he is handling the situation and by his desire to return to the journalism program as soon as possible," Thompson said.

Lowey not only wants to return to the classroom but also the baseball field. He is being fitted with a glass eye and hopes to suit up for the Wolfpack again next season.

"I have always wanted to play baseball as long as I can," he said. "This doesn't change that."

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• A portion of the money will also go toward the U of C student clinic

This year, eating poor will help raise money for families in East Africa.

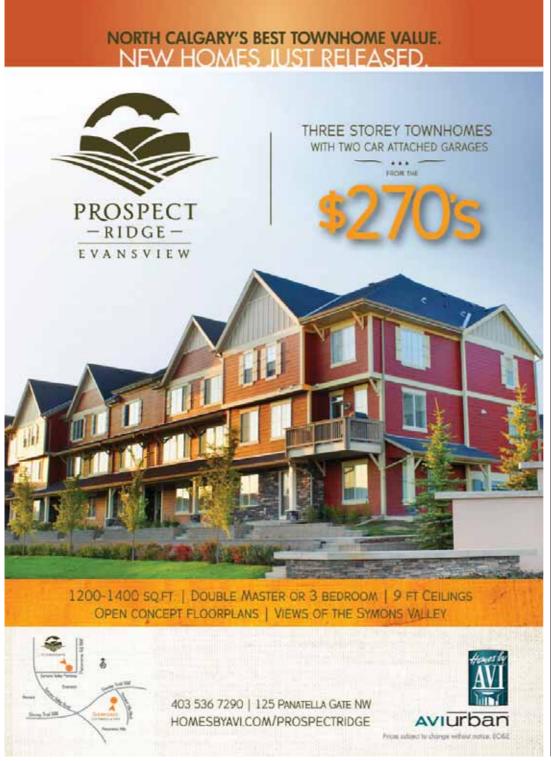
The third annual Rich Man Poor Man dinner, where only one person at a table of eight receives a rich man meal, was held Thursday at the University of Calgary, to raise awareness about poverty.

The majority of the money raised will go toward the Global Genera-

tion Foundation (GGF) — a new global health project to support family medicine programs in Tanzania.

"The idea is to get wellqualified health professionals out in the rural areas where the vast majority of the population live," said Dr. Christine Gibson, co-founded of the GGF and a clinical associate professor at the U of C.

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BassBus helping make some noise

KATIE TURNER

It's got all the makings of a trendy Calgary venue: a stage, a swanky seating area, art on the walls and a D.J. booth — all on four wheels.

The concept of BassBus was originally born last summer while Joel Ferguson, Gareth Rider and Baran Faber were waiting in line to get in to a music festival.

The friends had already purchased an old school bus with the intent of using it to get people to and from concerts.

From there, the group came up with the concept of building a mobile venue in hopes of giving emerging artists a space to perform or display their work.

"If you want to see art you have to go to one of the galleries.... If you want to see a band or a DJ, most

Artists wanted

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of the time you have to pay money for it," said Ferguson.

The intent is to use the money earned from hosting private events to fund free public art shows for musicians and artisans.

"There are people out there that want to perform and do their thing. There are also people that don't have \$10 ... to see a band every week," said Ferguson. "It's almost like training grounds. Lets let these people know that there is a platform out there for them to get their art out there."



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THINGS HEATING UP IN CANADA'S

Scientist not worried about development but says we're not very good at planning smartly



A new report issued Wednesday states Canada's Arctic is shifting to a new permanent state — one that is warmer, has less summer sea ice and a changed ocean chemistry.

The Arctic Report Card, prepared by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Program Office (NOAA), tracks the Arctic atmosphere, sea ice, biology, ocean, land and Greenland. This year, new sections were added, including greenhouse gases, ozone and UV radiation, ocean acidification and lake ice.

Pete Ewins, director of species conservation at



"There isn't a lot of will from our political leaders to change. Our grandchildren are going to say, 'Why didn't they make the change towards renewable energy sooner?"

World Wildlife Fund Canada, said the report helps show the continuing trend of extremes that Canada's Arctic is facing.

PETE EWINS, WWF SCIENTIST

"You don't take one year

and use that as a basis (for not changing behaviour)," said Ewins. "It's all about rates of change, and what the (annual report card) shows us is a very scientific basis that shows the rates of change are speeding towards greater uncertainty and greater risks.

"With a greener and warmer Arctic, more development (in Northern Canada) is likely," said Monica Medina, NOAA principal deputy undersecretary. "Reports like this one help us to prepare for increasing demands on Arctic resources."

Ewins said that he isn't worried about the potential for developing Canada's Arctic, only that it's done smartly.

The report can be viewed online at noaa.gov.











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ARCTIC REGION



Polar bears in danger, whales to benefit

Canada's Arctic will see significant changes as temperatures continue to rise.

The summer sea ice will continue to shrink, and according to the report, the minimum Arctic sea-ice area recorded in September of 2011 was the second-lowest since 1979.

The Arctic will also get greener. The report states Arctic-tundra vegetation continues to increase and is associated with higher air temperatures over most of Canada's Arctic land mass.

The warming of the Arctic threatens polar bear and walrus populations, but also opens feeding areas for

1.5 CAverage ansurface air temperatures over the Arctic Ocean were 1.5 C greater in 2011 than

over the past 30 years.

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The retreating ice means the ocean can absorb more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The report states the acidification of the ocean currently appears to be stable. © ELISHA DACEY



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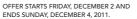
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British PM calls Jeremy Clarkson's comments silly Network apologizes after getting 4,700 complaints

A British trade union is denouncing a low blow from the host of the popular TV

show Top Gear.
The UNISON union
Thursday demanded the BBC fire Jeremy Clarkson after the opinionated TV presenter said striking public sector workers should be shot. Clarkson apologized Thursday afternoon, saying



to take him seriously when he

said strikers who had participated in Britain's largest public-sector walkout in 30 years Wednesday should be executed "in front of their families.

"I'd have them all shot," Clarkson said on BBC television's One Show on Wednesday. "I mean, how dare they go on strike when they've got these gilt-edged pensions that are going to be guaranteed while the rest of us have to work for a living?" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Liverpool's best go on display

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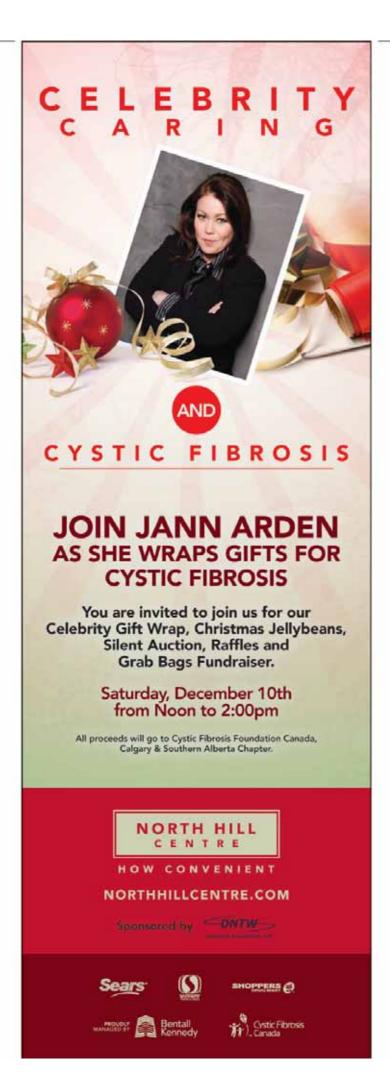
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Brother! Hustling party wows Egypt

• Partial results show Muslim Brotherhood surging

The fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood is emerging as the biggest winner in Egypt's first parliamentary election since the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak.

Voters have turned out in unexpected droves.

First-time voter Hassan Abdel-Hamid was undecided — until he got a flyer telling him how to vote from "the guys with the computer.'

Outside polling stations, Brotherhood activists were set up with laptop computers, helping voters find their voter numbers.

They posted activists to wave banners, pass out flyers or simply chat up voters waiting in line.

And in a marked change



from previous elections, when Brotherhood members touted Islamic credenthis time thev focused on better services, "They outspent, outworked and politically outclassed the other political parties by a huge factor."

ELIJAH ZARWAN. POLITICAL ANALYST

to appeal to poor voters.

decades, For Mubarak regime suppressed the Muslim Brotherhood. But has transformed itself into a potent campaign machine, holding rallies and wallpapering neighbourhoods with banners.

Final election results are expected Friday.

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STATUE UNEARTHED

After 3,400 years, king lives on

Egyptian archaeologists have unearthed a large statue of king Amenhotep III, who

ruled nearly 3,400 years

Amenhotep III was the grandfather of the famed boy-pharaoh Tutankhamun.

The Supreme Council of Antiquities said the latest find was made at the king's funerary temple in the southern city of Luxor.

Thursday's statement said the 13.5-metre-tall statue is made of coloured quartzite.

It is composed of several large pieces that once put together will depict the king as standing.

Amenhotep III ruled from 1390 to 1352 B.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS







Man lashes out at government

Removed from UN terror list, but wants public apology from Canadian officials Still on U.S. no-fly list

A man celebrating his removal from a UN terror watchlist had one message for the people of Canada on Thursday, and a completely different one for the Canadian government.

Abousfian Abdelrazik expressed thanks to Canadians, many of whom of-fered their help and support while he lived in legal limbo.

His message to the Canadian government was the polar opposite: Thanks for nothing.

He said he and his family suffered a miserable seven years because he was

support of Canadians. Now I wish you realize this fact ... (and) do the right things you were supposed to do a long time ago."

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ABOUSFIAN ABDELRAZIK, SPEAKING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

"Now I am a free person. Not because of

wrongly placed on the terror list, which affected his ability to work, travel or hold a bank account.

He said his reputation was tarnished and, although his name was stricken from the list this week, Abdelrazik said his heart goes out to other innocent people who remain

Abdelrazik and his supporters say what made the difference in his case was a vocal lobby and legal effort that shed light on his situation. "It would not be fair to claim this victory as my victory," he told a news conference in Montreal.

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Karzai pardons jailed rape

Afghan President Hamid Karzai is pardoning an Afghan woman serving a 12-year prison sentence for having sex out of wedlock after she was raped by a relative.

Karzai's office also said the woman and her attacker agreed to marry.

That would reverse an earlier decision by the woman, who had previously refused a judge's offer of freedom if she agreed to wed the rapist. Thursday's statement says Karzai decided to forgive the rest of the woman's sentence after hearing from judicial officials. It's not clear how much time the woman has served.

Her plight was highlighted in a documentary blocked by the EU because it feared the women profiled would be endangered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Minister saddened by cenotaph vandalism

Canada's veterans affairs minister says every citizen has a duty to preserve the country's war memorials.

Steven Blaney says he's saddened and appalled about vandalism at a cenotaph in Regina's Victoria Park.

Someone spray-painted obscene graffiti on the east side of the monument to soldiers.

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In search of new spies

U.K. agency recruiting self-taught cyber hackers → James Bond types with no math skills need not apply A British government spy agency is using an anonymous code-breaking web page to recruit self-taught hackers "we might not reach otherwise," a spokesman for the U.K.'s Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ).

GCHQ, which works with the legendary British spy agencies MI5 and MI6, launched the page "gently" nearly a month ago with no

clues about its source. "We kind of seeded it on to some social media elements," the spokesman told the Toronto Star yesterday.

GCHQ admitted its old recruiting networks, most famously Oxford and Cambridge graduates, don't always work. "Traditionally, cyber specialists enter the organization as graduates," the agency said.

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Clinton meets Suu Kyi

Aung San Suu Kyi had dinner with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton last night in a diplomatic residence in the port city of Yangon (formerly known as Rangoon). The extraordinary meeting came at the end of Clinton's first full day of her trip and was the first by a top-ranking American official in more than 50 years.

Governors want U.S. to reclassify marijuana

The governors of two U.S. states have asked the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to reclassify marijuana as a medical treatment, so doctors can prescribe it and pharmacists can fill the prescription

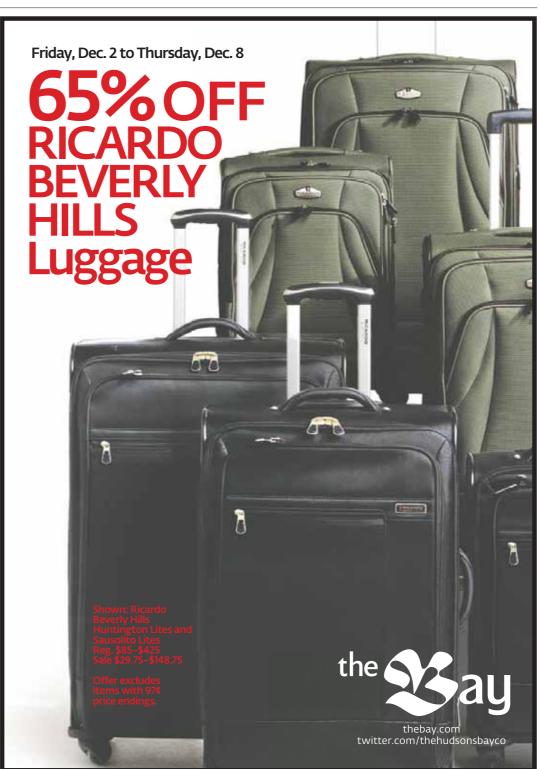
Washington Gov. Chris

Gregoire and Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee said they want the U.S. government to list marijuana as a Schedule 2 drug.

Marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule 1 drug, meaning it's not accepted for medical treatment and can't be prescribed, administered or dispensed.

Washington and Rhode Island are two of 16 states, plus the District of Columbia, that have laws allowing the medical use of marijuana.

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Winds blast California

Schools closed, flights diverted, trucks overturned, thousands lose power

Some of the worst winds in years blasted through California Wednesday night, sweeping through canyons, gusting up to 156 km/h, and toppling trees and trucks while knocking out power to hundreds of

thousands of people.

An estimated 300,000 customers in Southern California were without electricity Thursday morning.

High winds were also reported elsewhere through-U.S. the

including 160 km/h gusts that forced a Utah town to close schools.

"What's driving this is a large, cold low-pressure system that's currently centred over Needles. Calif. The strong winds are

wrapping around it," weather service forecaster Andrew Rorke said.

The winds were colder but fiercer than the Santa Ana winds that often hit California in late fall.

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Suspect denies hand in tourist's disappearance

An American businessman detained for four months after the presumed death of his travelling companion in Aruba said yesterday he had nothing to do with her disappearance.

Gary Giordano, 50, was released from jail Tuesday, and on Wednesday an appeals court ruled that prosecutors lacked sufficient

evidence to continue holding him in the disappearance of Robyn Gardner.

During an interview yesterday on ABC television's Good Morning America, Giordano refused to detail what happened to Gardner on Aug. 2, the last day she was seen alive, saying he has told that story many times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Crime? It doesn't panic us

Study finds Canadians feel safe

Statistics Canada says the vast majority of Canadians feel safe from crime.

It has released a study of Canadians aged 15 and older that says 93 per cent of those surveyed said they felt satisfied with their personal safety from crime.

The 2009 study produced results similar to those of the last survey in 2004 — before the Tories took power and began a tough-on-crime campaign.

Crime rates overall have been falling for a decade. Youth crime is one of the few areas that has

risen, yet the study says

Safety zones

The study shows those living in Eastern Canada, where crime rates are lower, were more satisfied with their safety than Westerners, who form the base of Tory support.

slightly more younger Canadians were satisfied with their personal safety from crime than older Canadians — 94 per cent of those aged 15-24 compared to 90 per cent aged 65 years and older.

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How to grin and polar bear it

Several students from Dalhousie University left their winter woolies behind on Thursday — for a polar bear swim. It was all for a good cause. They plunged into some chilly water to mark World AIDS Day and to publicize the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Dare campaign, which aims to raise money and awareness for AIDS research and prevention in Africa.



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► Construction worker in Beijing.

China facing slowdown

ECONOMY. China's leaders are reversing their twoyear effort to cool the economy, seeking to counter slowdowns in manufacturing and property that are dragging growth lower and threatening to spur unrest.

In the latest sign the world's No. 2 economy is weakening faster than thought, business surveys released Thursday showed manufacturing contracted in November for the first time in nearly three years.

That news came a day after Beijing moved to invigorate business activity by easing credit curbs, ending a long campaign to take some fizz out of the rapidly expanding economy.

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Exports support economy

RESOURCES. The surprisingly strong domestic product expansion in the third quarter is hiding an unpleasant fact about Canada's economy, say analysts.

Strip away exports — particularly oil, gas and coal — from the data, and Canada's economy doesn't look like the world-beater it appears.

In fact, say analysts, Canada's domestic economy can be seen as already mired in a technical recession with consumers going into hibernation.

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India braces for retail revolution

Arrival of Western big-box stores like Wal-Mart would mean huge change for country's shoppers

Ashok Kokane sits amid his strawberries at Mumbai's Crawford Market, a handwritten ledger across his knees and a fan of dirty 10 rupee notes at his hand. The lazy, dust-encrusted ceiling fans above are far past cleaning.

It is a tableau many fear will disappear after the government decided last week to give foreign bigbox retailers like Wal-Mart greater access to India's huge market.

The arrival of modern retailing would hasten a cultural transformation in the way Indians shop and work. The debate now raging — which has shut down Parliament and prompted a strike by shop-

keepers Thursday — hinges on competing visions of what foreign retailers will mean to agriculture and retail, India's two largest sources of jobs.

The government argues organized retail will make food cheaper, liberate millions from medieval working conditions and put more money into the hands of desperate farmers. Others say it will deepen the inequities of Indian society and wipe out a merchant class whose values and skills have been passed from father to son for generations.

The existing retail landscape is an intricate tangle of shops and bazaars, forged by ideas that date to India's earliest religious texts. But, even without Wal-Mart, small, family-run shops are already under threat. With the fraying of caste ties, which often determine a family's profession, and the growing dreams of India's youth for better paid, more prestigious jobs, retailers are finding it hard to keep the next generation in the family business.

"You have different sets of people who, because of the caste system, have been involved in the same business for many generations," said Arvind Singhal, founder of Technopak Advisors, a New Delhi based consulting company.

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ENTERTAINING HOLIDAYS FOR THE

NOW THAT THE COUNT-DOWN TO THE FESTIVE SEASON IS OFFICIALLY ON, IT'S TIME TO START MAKING YOUR PARTY-PLANNING LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE

Here are some tips for stress-free holiday entertaining:

SEND INVITATIONS EARLY

There are lots of parties in December, so send your invitations a few weeks before the date so people can fit it into their schedule.

SET A GAME TIME

In the invitation, state a time parameter. Don't say: "Come by anytime after 7 p.m." if you don't want guests to linger past midnight. Instead, be spe-

cific: "Join us for wine and cheese from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m."

PLAN YOUR PANTRY

Try to always have a few culinary staples on hand in case people drop in unexpectedly. These can include antipasto, crudités, hummus and other dips, gourmet crackers, a choice of cheeses, savoury jam and a variety of cookies.

BUILD A COCKTAIL BAR

Early in December, buy a collection of spirits such as vodka, gin and white and dark rum so you'll have basic cocktail ingredients at the ready before party time.

DECIDE ON DECOR

In the days leading up to the party, try different holiday decor themes and colours until you find your favourite. You don't have to stick to traditional green, red, silver and gold; any colour combination goes as long as it's consistent.

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We're not collecting your data: Cell providers

Canada's largest mobilephone service providers say they are not receiving any data from the controversial software company Carrier IQ. Bell, Rogers and Telus say they do not have contracts with the Mountain View, Ca.-based company, which sells the program Mobile Intelligence.

Security researcher
Trevor Eckhart claimed the
software could log user information and behaviours
and send data to mobile
carriers. Carrier IQ has denied the claims and says its
software is designed to provide "intelligence on the
performance of mobile devices and networks."

"We are counting and summarizing performance, not recording keystrokes or providing tracking tools," the company says in a statement on its website.

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Draft bill targets cellphone 'gouging'

Draft measures to reduce sticker shock when Ontario consumers open their cellphone bills passed a crucial vote in the legislature Thursday, but still face significant hurdles before they could become law.

The private member's bill would make the cost of using a cellphone more transparent, and clarify contracts so that customers know what they're paying for.

The bill easily passed second reading Thursday, but the minority Liberal government still controls which legislation is called for third and final reading and there's no indication it will allow the bill to reach that stage.

The bill marks the second attempt by Liberal member David Orazietti to protect consumers from what he says are high fees and confusing contracts.



"This is a huge consumer issue," he said.

"The price gouging that is taking place in this sector because of the lack of competition is absolutely horrendous."

Orazietti's bill would reduce cancellation fees and force companies to warn users when they're outside their local areas so they won't be surprised by roaming charges.

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LET'S GET PHYSICAL, OR NOT ...

THE METRO LIST

Fan-tastic: After a long game of "chicken," the NBA finally carved out a deal that barely anyone understands. My thoughts: You're a muscular six-foot-



nine man making over \$5 million for putting a ball in a 10-foot hoop. Please, just put on your free socks and sneakers, do your job, and maybe one day, you too can marry a Kardashian. Thanks.

Costly Cancon: Our beloved national broadcaster faces criticism once again. The Federal Court of Appeal ruled in favour of budget transparency, but CBC prez Hubert Lacroix still wants his annual \$1.1-billion government subsidy. Lacroix says the money is necessary to maintain vital Canadian content like Hockey Night in Canada, local news and election night coverage. I say, "How much for just the hockey?"

Free health care?: A recent news story about exorbitant hospital parking fees quoted the Canada Health Act, which states that "Canadians should have access to health care without financial or other barriers." A moderate example is North York General Hospital in Toronto, where a day pass costs \$23. It is not unusual for patients with complicated illnesses to be there for a month, which is \$700. Then again, drug shortages, disgruntled personnel, and sub-par food ensure that they probably won't last that long anyway.

High anxiety: A study out of Cardiff University in Wales found that children with a high IQ at age 5-10 were more likely to experiment with drugs as adults. Dr. James White speculates that smarter people are simply more open to new experiences. My theory is that drug addicts in their 30s are more likely to lie about having had a high IQ as a child.

Pop history: If you are turning 30 this week, the No. 1 song when you were born, which you were likely exposed to while in the womb, was Let's Get Physical by Olivia Newton-John. I just thought that might shed some light in therapy.

Great ones: Wayne Gretzky supposedly demanded 22-year-old daughter Paulina shut down her Twitter account because he found her photos to be distasteful. Even Gretzky admits to having looked at risqué photos of hot women before but maintains that none of them was anyone's daughter.

True story: On this day in 1969, Cindy Birdsong of the Supremes was kidnapped at knifepoint by a maintenance man in her building. She later escaped unharmed by jumping out of his moving car on the San Diego freeway. Wow! And people thought Diana Ross was special.

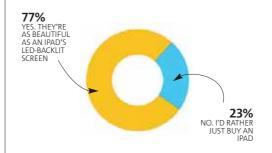
Extreme couponing: I suffer from "chronic buyer's remorse" as a result of family members who are always giddy with tales of their web-found bargains. I ignore emails from "deal"sites because I fail to see the use in an automatic toilet flusher, but someone informed me of a site that aggregates and sends you just one email containing only items you actually want. It's called Dealfart.com. Kudos to them for a name that pretty much sums it up.

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat



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Would you pay the equivalent of an iPad to save a polar bear?



Local tweets



►@invincible _xox: What a lovely day in #yyc! I just

might build a tiny little midget snow man! :)

- @Jeanniehu: When I smile as I shop in #Costco #yyc I feel as if I'm baring my teeth.
- @GibsonNation: Maple bacon chicken wings. There are no words #yyc
- @VerandaInterior: Happy December, hopefully lots of shavers are busy, I would like to walk around #YYC without thinking every guy is a 70's porn star
- ▶ **@Lizzzola:** The Plus 15/ +15 network in #YYC is the worlds most extensive pedestrian skywalk system with a total length of 16 km (10 mi) and 59 bridges.
- ▶ @samreiss : Annunziata opens up his locker and checks his phone. "Sandy, it's Sandy. Call me back. Sandy Jr. got expelled." #cflwives
- @bbcalgary: 4 random carolers in front of purdy's in TD Square. That's a weird sight. #yyc
- @LakeatLarge: @yycdisloyalty Just had the @Mcdonald's Latte - Tell the cafe's not to worry, it's an abomination #yyc



Endangered

In this photo provided by the St. Louis Zoo, an Ozark hellbender is shown developing in an egg.

The rare Ozark hellbender, an endangered amphibian found only in a few Missouri and Arkansas counties, has been successfully bred in captivity for the first time, offering new hope for the animal's survival, scientists said.

For 45 to 60 days after hatching, the tiny larvae will retain their yolk sack for nutrients and move very little. They eventually lose their external gills by the time they reach 1.5 to two years of age.

Hellbender not the worst moniker

Ozark hellbenders shown just after hatching.
Also known by the colloquial names of "snot otter" and "old lasagna sides," hellbenders can grow to be two feet at five to eight years of age, the zoo said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An Ozark hellbender at two weeks old. The zoo says rivers in south-central Missouri and northern Arkansas once supported up to 8,000 hellbenders. Today fewer than 600 exist in the world.

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released last weekend for American Thanksgiving that it seems like there weren't any left for this week. With only limited new films in theatres, the Reel Guys take a look at what's at the multiplex already that could take home Oscar gold.



Go ask Oscar

● Meryl or Michelle, George or Ryan? ● The Reel Guys make their predictions

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Reel Guys



Richard: Mark, for me right now, the frontrunner for Best Actress is Michelle Williams. Her take on Marilyn Monroe in My Week with Marilyn is so eerily accurate it transcends mimicry. She really becomes Marilyn. I say right now, because The Iron Lady hasn't hit theatres yet. Word is the only way Williams can beat Meryl Streep playing Margaret Thatcher is if Streep decides not to allow herself to be nominated. Are their any surefire bets for you?

MB: Even with Meryl in the race, Williams will win because Hollywood loooooooooves Marilyn

Monroe, and Thatcher is an unsympathetic figure to a liberal community. I think George Clooney could be a lock for The Descendants. It's the most nuanced work he's ever done, and I think there's a feeling it's time he got that statue for his cumulative body of work. Who else might challenge him?

RC: I think Clooney deserves an Oscar for just being Clooney. He's our generation's Cary Grant and I loved that he didn't rely on his usual charm and likability in The Descendants. But how cool would it be if Ryan Gosling gave him a run. He had a

great year with three high profile interesting roles to choose from. Me, I'd give it to him for his brilliant, menacing work in Drive.

MB: Brilliant, yes. But he won't win. The movie will be too violent for older academy voters. But I sense a strong contender from the same movie for Best Supporting Actor: Albert Brooks. I love when comedians play bad guys and Brooks was the most memorable baddie of the year.

RC: I would love Albert Brooks to win simply to hear his acceptance speech. If it's anything like his twitter feed it would be hilari-

ous. I would also love to see Hugo have a shot at Best Picture. It's perfect for the Academy. It's a big beautiful movie about the magic of movies. It would be one for the history books; a kid's flick directed by Martin Scorsese as the year's big winner.

MB: The academy is always biased against kid's pictures even if it's one as magical as Hugo. Maybe it will be one of those instances where it won't win for Best Picture but Scorsese will take home the Best Direction award. Everyone would have to admit the direction was nothing short of ravishing.



Scene in brief



Movie website EmpireOnline.com is reporting director Frank Miller's planned remake of Mad Max will be a trilogy. Miller is helming the postapocalyptic Mad Max: Fury Road, the first in the planned series. "We started with Fury Road, but we then started to do a second story and a third," the website quotes Miller's producing partner Doug Mitchell as saying. The original Mad Max starred a young Mel Gibson and hit theatres in 1979 and also spawned two sequels.



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Hollywood's silent revolution

◆ There's Oscar buzz over a silent movie for the first time since the 1920s ◆ Audio changed everything



Michel Hazanavicius' The Artist is one of the season's most acclaimed films – a silent black and white fable about a movie matinee idol who fails to make the cut to talkies in 1927 Hollywood.

French actor Jean Dujardin won the Best Actor Palme D'or at Cannes for his portrayal of George Valentin, in which he brings the best of Gene Kelly and Cary Grant to his inimitable style. Valentin, a victim of the sound revolution, loses everything he has, but unbeknownst to him, a young actress he befriended secretly keeps an eye out for him. It's reminiscent of John Gilbert's story.

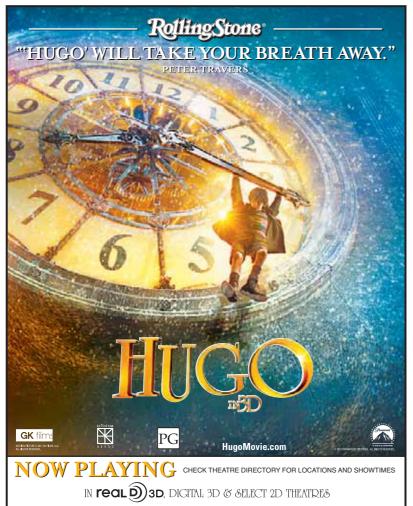
Gilbert was one of the silent era's greatest film stars whose career reportedly collapsed with the advent of sound, and whose former lover, Greta Garbo, intervened unsuccessfully to restore his image and career. He died of a heart attack at age 36. It was a tragedy with parallels to The Artist. In many ways it's a Hollywood fable for adults.

The French cast and crew shot in old Hollywood, often in the exact locations of the story. It looks authentic, as though it was made right then and there in 1927, if not for the modern gloss and crisp, high definition. Dujardin was thrilled to step into Tinseltown's history.

"The story was more beautiful for this. It was thrilling to film in the Orpheum on the actual sites, and was extremely motivating, especially they had talks prior to that that we would be filming in Hungary or Romania. So on top of being able to film in Hollywood, the place is extremely special. It's almost a religion to be in a movie in the street there."

Oscar whispers have been loud and clear since The Artist screened at Cannes and Toronto. Dujardin has heard those whispers and is conscious of the love the film has inspired. "It's almost like Michel found the magical formula access code sitting in front of everyone's nose"







Finding his balance

• Comic Patton Oswalt explores his serious side in Young Adult

Funnyman Patton Oswalt says he dug deep for a serious turn in director Jason Reitman's Up In the Air follow-up Young Adult, spending months with an acting coach to work out the complex emotional baggage of his physically disabled character.

Raves for Oswalt's performance are already pouring in, with the stand-up comic set to be honoured Wednesday with an acting award at the Whistler Film Festival.

Young Adult — which hits theatres Dec. 16 — reunites the Montreal-born Reitman with his Juno screenwriter Diablo Cody, and stars Oscar-winner Charlize Theron as a morally bereft writer of young adult novels.

Oswalt, best known as Spence from The King of

"That's what I was most worried about — that I would kind of fumble some of the transitions between the darkness and then the lightness."

Queens, plays a man whose legs were damaged by a brutal high school beating. The self-described acting "neophyte" admits to having had some qualms about the tricky role.

"Diablo wrote such a good script and such a nuanced script that there were a million ways to steer it in the wrong direction," says Oswalt, whose increasingly diverse credits include HBO Canada's Bored to

Death, The Movie Network/Movie Central's United States of Tara and the Adult Swim series The Heart, She Holler.

"Just when I first sat down and read the script I was like, 'Oh boy, I don't want to fumble this.' It's the combination of, 'Oh I'm so thrilled to get offered this,' and 'Oh man, I don't want to mess this up."

Oswalt's Matt Freehauf was savagely beaten by jocks as a teen, leaving his legs permanently damaged and forcing him to walk with a brace. Matt serves as a moral compass for Theron's deluded character Mavis Gary, who returns to her hometown looking to relive her glory days and rekindle a romance with her now married exboyfriend, played by A Gifted Man's Patrick Wilson.

Oswalt says he consulted an acting coach and a physical therapist to prepare for the role, and thought a lot about Matt's troubled backstory and how that must have shaped his upbringing.

"And not just the incident that scars him but what he went through to recover from it, which I think probably shaped his personality and worldview just as much as the damage that the attack did," Oswalt says by phone from Los Angeles.

"I just wanted less and less to have to think about so I could be more present in the scenes with Charlize.

"She's a really instinctual actor and I really didn't want to be sitting there with eight other thoughts on my head while she's just rolling with it."



All that work appears to be paying off.

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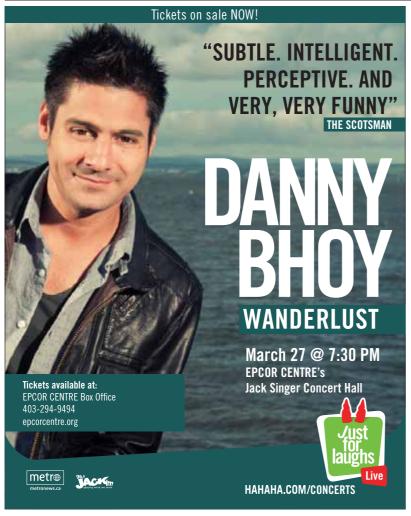
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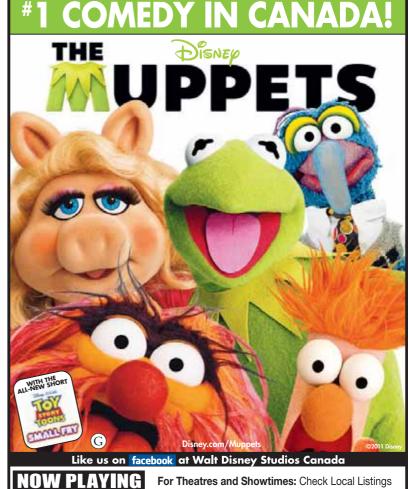
Several early reviews have singled out Oswalt's performance as a standout, with the Whistler prize seen by some as a precursor to a possible Oscar nomination for supporting actor.

"The whole thing just took me by surprise," Oswalt says of the multiple kudos. "It's extremely gratifying and kind of stupefying at the same time, I don't quite know what to think of it"

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Wait, motherhood breeds swagger?

• Fresh off the runway from Tuesday night's television special, Victoria's Secret moms share their thoughts

It's not just the push-up bras or feathered wings that give some top Victoria's Secret models their sexy swagger: It's their off-the-catwalk lives as mothers that give them their confidence and signature curves, they say.

Miranda Kerr, Doutzen Kroes and Alessandra Ambrosio have all been crowned VS Angels, so they are among the halfdozen models to get the best outfits and most face time during the lingerie giant's televised annual fashion show, which aired Tuesday night on CBS.

Backstage, wearing their short, hot-pink satin robes, they're also the ones attracting the most attention.

What were they talking

about with all those photographers, makeup artists and other models?

Nutrition, exercise and juggling their jet-setting careers with their little ones.

Kroes and Kerr have bona fide babies, both giving birth to sons last January. Ambrosio's daughter was born in 2008.

But motherhood hasn't

slowed them down at all: Kerr even got to wear the coveted diamond-covered bra. "I was asked to do it after I gave birth," said Kerr. "That was awesome. It's such an honour."

Ed Razek, chief marketing officer for Victoria's Secret parent Limited Brands, has long taken the position that the company wants feminine, womanly

models, because that's who looks best in the lingerie.

"It's true, a number of our models have come back from having a baby more beautiful than ever. I know that some of them have used the show date as a goal to get back in shape and, I think, having a baby has given them a sense of confidence, an 'I can do anything' attitude that is reflected on the runway."

One thing model moms can do is make money.

Forbes ranks Gisele Bundchen, Heidi Klum, Kate Moss, Adriana Lima and Ambrosio — all often photographed with their children — as the top earners of the industry this

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Doutzen Kroes

It was empowering to mould her new figure into shape, said Kroes, 27, who did "abs, abs, lots of ab exercises all the time." Her body isn't quite the same now as it was pre-baby, and she hopes it never goes back.

"I wish every woman can feel so sexy after birth. It's your body, but it's also a feeling."

On the surface, her two worlds might not seem like a perfect match, but they are, she said. "You get your hair and makeup done!"

She also has a lot of control over her schedule. Even if she needs to be on location for a few days, it'll never be longer, and then she'll have many days off, Kroes explained.

"It's not a 9-to-5 job." She often can bring her son, Phyllon, on set, though she only does that when working locally.

"I don't want him to become a 'traveller' when he is still so young."



Miranda Kerr

Pilates, yoga, weight training with resistance bags were all key factors in Kerr's new-mom fitness routine, said the 28-year-old, and they're all things that can be done in her living room.

"I do have less time, but I do try to exercise every day. I exercise at home with my son playing around with his toys on the floor."

She says she hopes

Flynn's watching and that he'll learn to incorporate physical activity into his daily life without a thought. The same goes for a healthy diet. Flynn is too young to watch the Victoria's Secret show now, of course, but Kerr will let him see her runway photos later.

"I'm sure he'll be happy his mom had wings."



Alessandra Ambrosio

Her catwalk costumes are a little less risqué now, but she's not ready to hang up the Brazilian-cup bras and short shorts.

"I'm definitely more proud of my body now," she said.

"Our bodies are changed as we get older, and I'm more conscious of it now. Now, I'm a woman doing the show, not a girl."

Part of that is giving up chocolate in the weeks before the show; she didn't always have to do that.

And part of it is being able to walk in heels without teetering. She's also learned to ham it up for the camera and the audience.

Ambrosio got her Angel wings in 2004, when she was the first spokesmodel for the then-new Pink collection, which is loungewear geared for a more youthful customer.

That's when she felt she was "a flirty and cheeky teenager" versus the sexy woman she is at age 30.

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You may not be able to work at The Office, but you can at least buy paper from the fictional company Dunder Mifflin.

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Big-box retailers like Staples are often mentioned on the show as Dunder Mifflin's biggest competition. In real-life though, the two companies are now partners, much to the delight of paper-loving Office fans.

According to the WSJ, Dunder Mifflin products are much pricier than private-label copy paper, but can you really put a price on the paper that launched Michael Scott to executive fame?



Hanging on a whole other planet

On Terra Nova, Stephen Lang says he's covering new ground



Actor Stephen Lang is getting attention for his work playing a gruff, militaristic leader shepherding a group of humans through a for-

eign landscape filled with deadly creatures. No, not Avatar

While Lang's new gig as Commander Taylor on Terra Nova — in which he leads a pilgrimage of humans 85 million years into the past to colonize an alternate earth — might bear

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some resemblance to the 2009 blockbuster that shot him to fame, he's quick to point out the differences.

▶ At 59, Stephen Lang is OK with being typecast.

And if you want to typecast him, he's fine with that, too.

Were you reluctant to take this part because of similarities people might draw with Avatar?

Obviously, there's a certain similarity in their backgrounds.

I just felt that the trajectory that the characters take is so vastly different, that after a certain breaking in period you would see Taylor as his own distinct personality, as opposed to being related to Avatar.

Are you at all afraid of typecasting after Avatar and then this role?

You know, I'm 59 years old, and if I'm typed right now, I'm typed as a charismatic, macho, silver fox. So, if that's the case, I can live with that (laughs).

How much of Taylor's backstory did they let you in on beforehand?

We've discussed backstory from day one on this. Even in our initial meetings we talked about how this guy comes to be, and who he is. Backstory emerges as fact as it becomes necessary. I can give you three possibilities of what Taylor went

through in the year 2139. And whatever will serve our story best is the one that we will adopt, because it only becomes fact when it hits the screen, when it gets written in, you know?

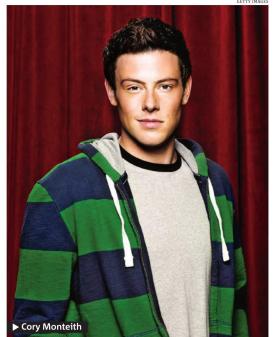
What was your impression when you first saw the pilot episode?

I thought that we were on our — how do you put it? It's a maiden voyage. There's a certain caution that goes with it. There's a certain finding your way, as the show finds its own sort of tone. I liked it. You see fully-formed characters. It tells a story. I thought the effects worked as well as we wanted them to work. But as in all the work I've ever done, I feel there's room for advancement in it, clearly. And so, you know, it made me proud, but also anxious to do bet-

How much does it help with your performance when you're on location, and not on a sound stage as much as you would be on another TV show?

It helps in ways you're probably not even conscious of. I mean, just being out in a pristine environment — that's where you're supposed to be. It's one less artificial element to have to create.

Glee hitting the right notes



Show's music won't disappoint this season, says Cory Monteith

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After a bumpy — and highly criticized — second season, Glee looks to be back on track, and according to series star Cory Monteith, a lot of that has to do with how the show is choosing its music.

What kind of music are they giving you for your character?

Oh, man I'm so excited (looks to his publicist). Can I? No, I can't. There is one song that I cover that is typically like a female vocalized-pop song from the '80s, and it has been pared down into this acoustic-slow-piano wonderful ballad, almost.

They have done some really great stuff with music this season especially. It's really influenced and inspired by the story-lines. Whereas before — last season we did tribute episodes, things like the music was implying the storyline.

Are you saying last season they did a lot of stuff that was more current just because they could?

Right. I feel that in the second season we got the opportunity to do whatever artist we wanted to cover because the show was big, and so, you know, there was a lot of, you know, very expository, very kind of larger-thanlife numbers and things. And this year, they have a very specific idea of

where they want the storyline and where they want the characters to go, and then they choose the songs around that. So it is very much the songs are inspired by the storyline this year, which is great because as an actor you have so much to do because of why you're singing it.

There was a lot of talk over the summer about what happens to characters like yours, that are seniors, after they graduate this year. Has that been on your mind at all?

Well, everybody graduates eventually, but I really don't know. We haven't really had that conversation. It's been, you know, discussed that Glee cast members will graduate,

"They have done some really great stuff with music this season especially. It's really influenced and inspired by the story-lines."

but I really don't know when ... If I graduate, you know, then I move on to do other things.

So what was the name of the song you mentioned?

I wish I could talk about the songs, but I think there is a sharpshooter out there just in case we say the wrong thing. (Ed. Note: the song was Girls Just Wanna Have Fun).







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PRISON OVERCROWDING. Despite being sentenced to four years in prison for involuntary manslaughter, Dr. Conrad Murray could be home for Christmas, ac-

cording to Radar Online. The disgraced doc was given the maximum sentence for his role in the death of Michael Jackson, but because of overcrowding problems in California prisons, it's expected that Murray will serve out the bulk of his sentence under house arrest.

"Dr. Murray's lawyers are actually relieved that Judge Pastor didn't sentence him to community service, like Lindsay Lohan is doing at the morgue," a source says.

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Is Scarlett still in love with Ryan?

• Her post-divorce romance with Sean Penn didn't pan out ◆ Now she's apparently got a hate-on for her ex's new squeeze — Blake Lively

Even though her marriage to Ryan Reynolds ended last year, Scarlett Johansson is still reportedly preoccuppied with his love life and sources say she absolutely loathes his latest girlfriend, Blake Lively, according to Us Weekly.

"Scarlett is pissed that he's not under her spell anymore," a source says. "She realized what a great catch Ryan [Reynolds] was."

Adding insult to injury? The fact that while Johansson's post-divorce romance with Sean Penn fizzled out,

"Scarlett is pissed that he's not under her spell anymore. She realized what a great catch Ryan [Reynolds] was."

Reynolds and Lively seem to be going strong.

"Things are great [for Blake and Ryan]," says the

"They haven't had a fight yet." METRO





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Ashton back into single life

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to make the most of his newly single status while home in Iowa for the Thanksgiving holiday, according to Us Weekly.

The Two and a Half Men star was spotted with his

entourage at several bars around Iowa City over the long weekend. "He was drinking beer, and girls kept coming up to him," says a source of Kutcher's night out on Friday. "He loved the attention. Girls

were hugging him and shaking his hand." And it continued Saturday, according to another source: "He was swarmed by girls. A few tried to convince him to go to a strip club, but he declined." METRO

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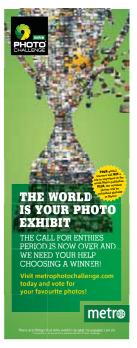
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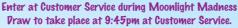
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More great tips



1. Decide on whether your dinner is going to be served "family style" or "plated" and make certain that you have the right plates and silverware.

2. Select dishes that allow you to do as much advance preparation as possible. 3. Set the mood by considering music, lighting and table decor. supperworks



recipes, visit

Holiday cheer in a bottle



PETER ROCKWELL

While we like to think we watch our weight with Jennifer Hudson precision, as the weeks creep closer to Christmas, the call of an ice cold glass of cream liqueur gets louder.

I like how the creamier side of booze has found a permanent home snuggled up to the holiday season. Typically sweet with a support system of some sort of spirit, it really is the liquid personification of making merry.

I'm betting most of you will think only of Baileys (\$26.49 - \$30.80) when it comes to a delectable creamer. Famous as it is, the Irish whiskey-based classic has plenty of competition with many modern variations on the theme hitting store

St-Rémy à la Crème (\$26.99 - \$28.98) is the newest kid on the rack. Made with a soothing base of French brandy, its snow white creaminess drinks with the silky consistency of vanilla ice cream.

Once opened, cream liquor will last about two years if refrigerated. That's if the bottle's contents survives until New Year's, prices reflect THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PROD-UCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES

Deck the halls and entertain with ease

• Joni Lien and Chris Wood, founders of Ontario-based business SupperWorks, offer their Top 6 tips to make any dinner party jolly

The folks at SupperWorks know a thing or two about entertaining. At their 16 Ontario locations they've been taking the "work out of supper" since 2005 by creating delicious recipes, doing the shopping, the washing, the chopping and the clean-up so that customers can prepare delicious, wholesome meals at home without the time and without any hassle. Don't live in Ontario? No worries. SupperWorks delivers right across Canada.

Here are Lien and Wood's tips to make your party a smash.

Plan ahead

Although it may seem obvious, the top entertainment tip for any dinner party is to plan it out. From menu to dinnerware and beverages, planning translates into a successful dinner party.

Check for allergies

Check with your guests in advance to see if they have any food allergies, likes, dislikes or if they are fol-lowing a particular diet, and adjust your menu accordingly. You may want to offer a vegetarian and a gluten free option.

Be practical

Design your menu around

at once.

Stick to what you know

Try not to tackle too many new recipes when entertaining. Stick to what you know and do well. If you do want to serve a new

recipe, consider picking up an entrée or sides from somewhere like Supper-Works. SupperWorks entrées serve four to six people and are proven winners when it comes to taste and convenience.

Do what restaurants do

es that will be served cold and heat your plates for dishes that will be served hot. It's a small thing but

ing your plates 30 minutes in the fridge before serving keeps your cold dishes cold, and giving your plates five minutes in a 350° oven keeps your hot dishes hot.

party is a great time for socializing with friends and family, and enjoying the season. TO LEARN ABOUT SUPPERWORKS, VISIT WORKS.COM



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No need for a Silent Night

• With these choices for the musical enthusiast on your gift list • From Lady Gaga to Chipmunks



Rounding up a year's worth of extraordinary music is never an easy undertaking. With seemingly as many genres sprouting up as there are grains of



sand in the Sahara, something is surely to missed.

Tougher still? Picking out one of those gems for the music enthusiast on our gift list. Paring down the style only seems to open up a Pandora's box of who's who, who's hot and who's not.

In an effort to provide clarity, simplicity and a defibrillator to your ego, try



these tested. respected and occasionally obvious

a few of

albums from the past few months or slated to be released just prior to the hol-

Pop freaks know how much of a marvel Lady Gaga's Born This Way (Interscope) was upon its release earlier this year. For those who might already own it, however, check out Born This Way: The Remix, an unsubtle re-imagining of that explosive affair.

On a more soulful level, anticipation for chanteuse



* Foo Fighters' seventh album, Wasting Light, would make a great gift for the rock fan.

Rhianna's sixth work Talk That Talk (Def Jam) has stirring heavily alongside the likes of Mary J. Blige's 10th full-length My Life II — The Journey Continues (Act 1) (Geffen), both to be issued in standard and deluxe editions. For traditionalists, well, they may be getting long in the tooth, but as latest



Sauce Committee Part Two (Capitol) asserts.

New York hip-hop heroes The Beastie Boys still hold their own.

If spirited lighter fare is of the essence, try The 30th Annual John Lennon Tribute, Live From the Beacon Theatre, NYC (Theatre Within), a gala featuring the likes of Patti Smith,



Lynne, Martin Sexton, Bettye Joan Osborne, LaVette, Keb' Mo' and more celebrating the life of a rock legend via his songs.

Not to be outdone, folkinfused poetic punk Frank Turner's England Keep My Bones (Epitaph) is easily one of the most rousing and passionate yet downto-earth albums you probably haven't heard this year. Woody Guthrie would be proud. Similarly, on The King Is Dead

Trade), folk lovers The Decemberists are surprisingly smooth.

Rock fan in the crew? One could do far worse than to grab them a copy of Foo Fighters' gripping Wasting Light (Roswell), their seventh album overall and most comprehensive in years. Check out the video for White Limo



man Lemmy Kilmister. For something less aggressive, Arctic Monkeys' Suck It See (Domino) has been heralded as a champion affair.

For the classical fanatic,

Naxos Of Canada is set to release a bevy of box sets featuring everything from jazz and instrumentals to operas and ballets. Formats range from separate collections to complete editions of Beethoven, Vi-

valdi. Rachmaninoff, Chopin and more



metal is the name of the game, as has become standard fare over their quarter-century (and then some) rivalry, heavy stal-warts Megadeth and Metallica have both issued fresh material just in time. Sating diehard fans of brainbashing drums and buzz saw guitar riffs, the former's Th1rt3en (Roadrun-



ner) runs exactly as planned. Reaching into more esoteric

territory, Metallica opt to work with oddball rocker Lou Reed on elongated affair Lulu (Warner/Vertigo).

Finally, just because they are still kicking after so many decades, to thrill the young audiophile — or torment their parents consider Alvin And The Chipmunks' Chipwrecked: Music From The Motion Picture featuring those iconic hyperactive rodents at their most ... well, whatever it is that rodents are.





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Cranberry Orange Biscuit Buns

Ingredients:

- 2½ cups (625 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh cranberries
- ¼ cup (60 ml) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) baking powder
- 2 tsp (10 ml) grated orange rind
- Pinch salt
- ¾ cup (175 ml) butter, cubed
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) plus 2 tbsp (30 ml) sour cream
- ¾ cup (175 ml) whole berry cranberry sauce or fruit jam
- Coarse sugar (optional)

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- 1/3 cup (75 ml) icing sugar
- 2 tsp (10 ml) orange juice

Preparation:

In large bowl, combine flour, cranberries, sugar, baking powder, orange rind and salt. Using pastry blender or fingertips cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add sour cream and bring together with fork. Using hands, bring dough together to form slightly sticky dough.



On lightly floured surface, knead dough gently about 10 times. Roll out dough to 16 x 12 inch (40 cm x 30 cm) rectangle. Spread evenly with cranberry sauce, leaving a 2-inch (5 cm) space at one long end. Start rolling up jelly roll style towards long end with space and pinch edge to seal.

3 Slice into 12 pieces and place in 9-inch (23 cm) parchment paper-lined spring form pan with removable bottom. Cover well and freeze for up to 2 weeks. Remove from freezer and let thaw in refrigerator overnight.

4 Sprinkle top with coarse sugar, if using and bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 35 minutes or until golden brown and firm. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

5 lcing: Meanwhile, in bowl stir together icing sugar and water. Drizzle over buns before serving. Makes 12 biscuits. FREEZER STORAGE: Wrap biscuits and pan with plastic wrap and then heavy duty foil for the freezer.

Simple brunch can ease stress



During the holidays we hustle and bustle trying to get shopping done, visiting friends and family, going to festive parties and having guests over to our homes.

All this can become daunting, especially close to the big days of Christmas or new years.

An easy way to bring friends together is to enjoy their company for a brunch during this busy time

You can invite them to come over and serve up a delicious, potluck-style brunch.

While you make a few delectable dishes, get your guests to bring the accompaniments for the meal. Brunch is perfect for this because you can have a great variety of dishes. Including breakfast dishes like eggs and oatmeal is classic, but you can stretch it over to include tasty lunch items that are a bit heavier and are always big hits with guests.

Making dishes ahead is important to keep your sanity so be sure to look for recipes that can be frozen or made overnight so you can have a simple morning of bliss and togetherness while guests are enjoying your company.

This is also something



* Enjoy company over the holidays by making some simple dishes ahead of time.

we tend to forget when we wake up Christmas morning. With all the excitement of what Santa brought and unwrapping presents we may enjoy a cup of coffee, or four, but a little nibble is an important part of the morning.

Many have their favourite tried and true

recipes for that morning, but these recipes just might make it to your kitchen this year. You can make them both ahead and just bake them in the oven while presents are being enjoyed or even if guests are arriving.

Many of us think about Christmas dinner and what we are going to serve, so it's nice to sit back and enjoy what you might like to have for breakfast or brunch.

This year, try to include some ease to your holiday by planning ahead and relaxing with a casual holiday brunch in which everyone can share.

Turkey and Cranberry Strata

Strata is a dish that has layers of bread with an egg custard. It is a great makeahead dish for entertaining. In this strata, croissants are the bread of choice and it's a perfect match to leftover turkey.

Ingredients:

- 6 croissants
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp (2 ml) pepper
- 1 cup (250 ml) whole berry cranberry
- 3 cups (750 ml) chopped cooked turkey
- 2½ cups (625 ml) milk
- 5 eggs
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh sage or
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) crumbled dried sage
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt

Preparation:

Slice croissants in half horizontally and spread with mustard. Sprinkle with half of the pepper. Spread bottom half of croissants with cranberry sauce and top with turkey. Place top half of croissants over turkey. Place filled croissants into a large 13 x 9 inch (3 L) casserole dish, overlapping slightly. Set aside.

In large bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, garlic, sage, salt and remaining pepper.



Pour over croissants to cover. Wrap with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or up to 24 hours. Unwrap and press croissants down into egg mixture. Bake in 375 F (190 C) oven for 45 to 60 minutes or until golden and knife inserted in centre comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

TIP: You could substitute 12 slices challah or egg bread for the croissants.



Do you hear what I hear?

O You will if you receive one of these gift ideas for the audiophile in your life O MP3's, headphones, gadgets



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Whether you are listening to tunes in the comfort of your home or on public transit through

headphones, music can help anyone get into the holiday spirit.

Here are a few gift ideas for the audiophile in your life.

Apple iPod Touch

— starting at \$199

Apple continues to dominate the MP3 player market. Year after year the iPod Touch is the bestselling MP3 player. There is a reason for that. The device is well-designed with a large touchscreen, which not only plays music but hundreds of thousands of apps and games. It's like an iPhone ... minus the phone!

Sony A Series Walkman — \$199

A 2.8-inch touchscreen is your window to the world of music. Not sure of the lyrics to your favourite song? The A series Walkman lets you upload lyric

From top: Apple iPod Touch, starting at \$199, SanDisk Sansa Clip Zip, middle, starting at \$49.99, and Pioneer X-SMC3, right, \$369.99. files that will display in sync with the music. You can also play video files, display photos, listen to FM radio and record personal notes.

SanDisk Sansa Clip Zip — starting at \$49.99 A simple MP3

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The Sansa Clip Zip gets its name from the clip on the back, which makes it easy to attach to vour workout clothes at the gym. On the front, you will find a colour display so you always know what song is playing. It also has very simple controls to guide you through the menus. Not only can you play music but the Sansa Clip Zip also has a built-in FM ravoice recorder and a stopwatch. Great price for such a feature-laden device.

Monster Beats Studio by Dr. Dre

- \$329 Two big names come together in one set of on-ear headphones. Monster (known for high-end audio/video cables) and Dre Dr. teamed have

up to bring these high-definition headphones to market. Known for their superior sound quality, these Beats headphones have a unique trifold

design to ensure they fold for easy storage when not in use. They also feature Cloudtalk technolo-

gy for handsfree calling! Patented magnetic connection technol-

ogy allows up to four sets of SkunkJuice earbuds to connect together into a single audio input on an MP3 player. No more sharing earbuds! The perfect gift for teens.

Pioneer X-SMC3 — \$369.99

Why keep the music bottled up! Spread some sound around your home. The Pioneer X-SMC3 will do just that. This high-end

music system sounds amazing, pumping out some decent bass. Wirelessly stream music from your iOS device via Airplay, or connect vour favourite MP3 player with a cable. Since the system is connected to your home network you can listen to thousands of Internet radio stations. You can also stream music via Bluetooth with an option-

al adapter.

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up to the sound of
music. Dock your
iPhone, iPod or iPad to
the iD85 and let it
recharge overnight as
you catch some Z's. The
dock features dual alarms
so two people can re-

ly on the device for their wakeup call. And for all you lazybones out there, you can automatically sync the clock with the time on your iPhone, iPod or iPhod with the process.

iPad with the press of a button so your clock will never flash 12:00 again!

Ion TapeExpress USB

Cassette Player — \$59.99

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IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO BUY A MOBILE PHONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, HERE ARE A FEW THINGS . TO CONSIDER

SIZE MATTERS

Hold the phone in your hands; how heavy is it? Put the phone in your pocket or in your purse; how bulky is it? Mobile phone experts call this the "form factor," and there is some value in considering whether the phone is the right shape for your needs. You'll also want to look at the screen size, along with other things such as whether it has a QWERTY keyboard or a touchscreen, or both.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

How easy is it to take a photo? Do you have to load a separate camera app, or can you just press a button to take a

picture? Does the camera have a flash, like Mobilicity's Nokia E73? Does it shoot video, and if it does, is it in HD, like the BlackBerry Torch 9810? Some smartphones even have front-facing cameras, like the HTC Panache. which allows you to record a video of yourself and take self-portraits.

PLATFORM AND APPS

What OS does the phone run on, and are there any apps that are exclusive to it? Take BlackBerry phones and their acclaimed BlackBerry

Messenger app. It's one of the most popular messaging platforms around. And when it

comes to accessing thousands of other cool apps and games, there's nothing like Android smartphones, like the Nexus S. With apps that do everything from monitoring your fitness routine to tracking your

assistants! **FEATURES**

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are quickly turning into

What does this phone have that others don't? For example, the HTC Panache 4G offers

many unique features, based on the HTC Sense user interface, including allowing users to juggle multiple email accounts with colourcoding, and streaming contacts' social network status and updates alongside their photos when they call or text. The Panache also allows users

to instantly silence the phone ringer with a quick flip of the device.



IT'S A VALUE OF SHOPPING LIST THIS YEAR?

For the latest and greatest affordable mobile phones and smartphones without contracts or tabs, check out these cool picks from Mobilicity.

THE NEWBIF

For someone who is not too technically inclined, a basic mobile phone such as the LG Wink, which is uncomplicated yet sleek and stylish, would be a great fit. It has a two-inch screen, camera, MP3 player and music player, and stereo Bluetooth Connectivity. Like most mobile phones, it also has a rechargeable battery and charger. *Sale price*, \$49.99



THE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

For the person who wants to be connected to everyone and everything all the time, Mobilicity recommends the BlackBerry Curve 9360 smartphone. A classic BlackBerry, the slim phone features a QWERTY keyboard, 5.0 megapixel camera, WiFi connectivity and GPS navigation. It has a fast browser and is great for web-based video and gaming. *Regular price*, \$299.99

THE GADGET LOVER

The HTC Panache 4G is suitable for people who love gadgets and a phone with the latest and greatest features. It has a portable Wi-Fi hotspot, as well as an interactive camera and GPS navigation with turn by turn directions. There is a 3.8-inch touchscreen. And, you can erase the phone contents if the mobile phone is lost. *Exclusive to Mobilicity, sale price, \$299.99*



WRAP UP GIFTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND ALL YEAR ROUND

Mobilicity provides a range of products that make great gifts any time of the year. Here are a few examples.

BIRTHDAYS

Give the gift that keeps on giving — the Nexus S provides access to thousands of apps. And with Mobilicity's unlimited data, it's easy and affordable to browse the web, watch videos and play games.

VALENTINE'S DAY

You'll love the new BlackBerry Bold 9900. It comes with a QWERTY keyboard, so you can text and email your sweetheart quickly, and to your heart's content.

ANNIVERSARY

Marriage is a partnership; what better way to celebrate than with matching smartphones? Regardless of whether you like a touchscreen or a full QWERTY keyboard, the BlackBerry Torch 9810 will have both of you covered.



THE TEENAGER

If your teen has been bugging you for a smartphone, and you're crunched for cash, take a look at the Nokia 500. Emails as well as updates from Facebook and Twitter arrive 24/7 on the 3.2-inch full touchscreen. The phone has a fast processor and WiFi, meaning everything will run fast and smoothly whether browsing the web or playing games. *Regular price*, \$169.99



SIGNS IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PHONE

- If co-workers email you photos from the office holiday party, and you have time to make yourself a coffee before they load, it's time for a new phone with a beefier processor. The Nexus S from Mobilicity has a 1GHz processor, which means you can download those photos, post them to Facebook, and tweet about the party, all before your coffee brews. And with Mobilicity's unlimited data, you can post and tweet as much as you want.
- 2. If you only have enough memory to store four songs on your phone, it may be time for a new phone. Mobilicity's LG Wink comes with an MP3 player, and you can upgrade the memory to 16GB.
- 3. If the numbers and letters on your keypad are starting to fade, why not upgrade to something with a touchscreen instead? Mobilicity's Samsung Galaxy Mini features a 3.14-inch touchscreen, and has a 3 megapixel camera and camcorder.

Three big looks for tree ornaments



Each year we see new looks for holiday décor and, often, an evolution from Christmases past. There are three looks that are guaranteed to be included in holiday décor each year: The ever popular Country Style; the illustrious Upscale Look; and the daring Trendy Colours.

CountryThis is by far one of the most popular styles of decorating and always the bestseller around the holidays. Last year's country Christmas look was very outdoorsy — birch bark birds, twig nests, pine cones and reindeer motifs were all the rage.

This year, we go inside the house and the look is called Homespun. Knitting, baking and sewing motifs help to define this décor theme: Barbie-sized



knit sweaters, scarves and hat ornaments that hang on the tree; decorated gingerbread cookies; textured knit holiday ball ornaments; little quilted ginghouse shapes ham adorned with wooden buttons make for great DIY-er inspired tree ornaments.

Upscale

There is always a formal style of decorating that is popular for the holidays. Last year was the heavily themed Venetian Ball: Party masks, peacocks, jesters and sparkles took the scene. This year we are



* Country is a popular decorating style during the holidays, like this Homespun example. Left, ornaments of royal colours are trending this year.

seeing that look settling down into a simple colour scheme of purple, gold and crystal. Lots of purple hearts, gold harps, overscaled diamonds strung crystal ropes.

Isn't it funny that there

was a royal wedding this year and, voila!, ornaments of royal colours and diamonds appears!

Last year introduced fun Grinch-inspired

and shapes; wonky-looking lime trees, sparkly turquoise and pink balls and psychedelic striped, curly-toed stockings.

This year, the Grinch colours continue, but are down

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coloured shapes, dots and three colours; lime, turquoise and red. This look would show very well on an all-white tree and adds a retro '60s fun feel to the holidays.

Next year: Look for these two colours to darken up significantly; lime green will turn to dark advocado and turquoise will go to teal; mix these next colours with graphite grey and bronze for a rich, high-end look. Goodbye to Grinch next year ...







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I have to admit, all of the attributes I'm discovering in T.J. Brodie are the ones I

expected to see out of Jay Bouwmeester when he came here from Florida in 2009.

A confident swagger into the offensive zone, patience with the puck, smoothness on the power play, creative instincts. It's all coming from the 21-year-old rookie rearguard with just a dozen games NHL experience, not the 28-year-old big-ticket veteran of, big whoop, 500-plus consecutive games.

All of a sudden the No. 10 defenceman on the Flames depth chart at the start of the season is easily among the top six. GM Jay Feaster may as well draft the letter now: T.J., time to get yourself a permanent residence in Calgary. You're not going anywhere.

Brodie and 27-year-old rookie Derek Smith have formed an impressive third blue-line tandem for the Flames. During a season in which offence is at a premium, it's nice to see an injection of quick puck movement and frequent chance-taking in Brent Sutter's game plan. At the pace Brodie and Smith are



progressing, Cory Sarich will never get back into the lineup and the injured Anton Babchuk and Brett Carson will have to wait for some kind of forced personnel change.

It's the kind of re-tooling Feaster has been hoping for. Develop the young talent and grow their experience without having to dynamite the aging lineup. As long as Flames fans see a modicum of progress in this department Calgary has failed so miserably at in recent years, they'll be patient. But it has to keep coming.

So don't pull back the reins on Brodie, even if one of his offensive pushes results in a bad giveaway and goal. Because Bouwmeester used to be

like that in Florida before he turned into a rangy stay-at-home type with ham hands.

.650 HOCKEY: The Flames need to play about .650 hockey to get to 97 points. That's something like 34-17-8 from here on in. Three wins in every fivegame pack, with some of the losses coming in overtime or shootout.

The way I look at it, Chicago, Detroit, San Jose and Vancouver are shooins for the playoffs and the way St. Louis has surged, the Blues are solid for the top five. So Calgary is battling seven other teams (Minnesota, Dallas, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Nashville, Edmonton and Anaheim) for just three spots

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"I'm very proud of the time that I've spent with the Galaxy and it might continue."

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YEAR.

Win not enough to save Ducks coach



The Anaheim Ducks fired coach Randy Carlyle late Wednesday night and hired former Washington coach Bruce Boudreau, who was dismissed by the Capitals just two days earlier.

The Ducks made the abrupt move after beating Montreal 4-1 on Wednesday night for the club's third victory in 19 games, snapping a seven-game skid.

Carlyle coached the Ducks to their only Stanley

Cup title in 2007, but struggled to get his talented club's attention this season. Carlyle agreed to a three-year contract extension through the 2013-14 season in August, but Anaheim got off to a perplexing 7-13-4 start.

"Randy is a terrific head coach, and did a tremendous job for us for six-plus seasons," Anaheim general manager Bob Murray said. "We thank him greatly for his hard work and dedication to our franchise, not

the least of which was a Stanley Cup championship. At this time, we simply felt a new voice was needed. Bruce is a proven winner with a great track record, and we are optimistic we can turn this season around under his leadership."

Carlyle has the most coaching wins in Ducks history, and he was behind Anaheim's bench for many of the 1993 expansion franchise's biggest moments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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d-Florida	24	13	7	1	3	67	60	30	5-2-1-3	8-5-0-0	6-3-1-0	W.
Toronto	24	14	9	1	1	82	81	30	6-4-1-1	8-5-0-0	5-4-0-1	L
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Tampa Bay	24	11	11	0	2	65	76	24	7-3-0-0	4-8-0-2	4-6-0-0	L
Montreal	25	10	11	2	2	62	64	24	4-5-2-2	6-6-0-0	3-4-2-1	L
Winnipeg	24	9	11	3	1	70	80	22	5-4-0-0	4-7-3-1	4-4-2-0	L
Carolina	26	8	14	2	2	61	86	20	5-7-0-2	3-7-2-0	3-7-0-0	L
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Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Anaheim, 8 p.m. Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

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LATE WEDNESDAY

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1. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 11 (Sutton, Eberle) 9:58 Penalties — Staubitz Min, Hordichuk Edm

(fighting) 2:12, Lundin Min (holding) 2:52, Brodziak Min (tripping) 10:42, Edmonton bench (too many men; served by Hemsky) 12:30, Jones Edm (goaltender interfere 16:18, Smid Edm (cross-checking) 17:02.

Second Period 2. Edmonton, Eberle 9 (Horcoff, Nugent-Hop-kins) 5:10 (pp)

3. Minnesota, Setoguchi 8 (Koivu, Heatley) 11:31 4. Minnesota, Brodziak 6 (Johnson, Scandella) 14:51 (pp)

Penalties - Zanon Min (roughing) 4:31, Sutton Edm (interference) 12:56, Johnson Min (high-sticking) 14:55. Third Period — No Scoring.

Penalty - Peckham Edm (roughing) 4:44.

Overtime — No Scoring.

Penalty — Smyth Edm (tripping) 3:07. Shootout - Minnesota wins 4-3

Minnesota (4) — Bouchard, goal; Koivu, goal; Cullen, miss; Setoguchi, miss; Heatley, goal; Brodziak, goal.

Edmonton (3) — Eberle, goal; Hemsky, miss; Gagner, goal; Nugent-Hopkins, miss; Horcoff, goal; Smyth, miss.

Shots Minnesota Edmonton Minnesota 6 10 10 3—29 Edmonton 10 7 12 1—30 Goal — Minnesota: Backstrom (W,9-5-2); Edmonton: Khabibulin (SOL,9-5-3). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Minnesota: 1-6; Edmonton

Referees — Ghislain Hebert, Dave Jackson **Linesmen** — David Brisebois, Tony Sericolo. **Att.** — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

DUCKS 4, CANADIENS 1

First Period

1. Montreal, Kostitsyn 6 (Plekanec, Gionta) 3:10 2. Anaheim, Getzlaf 5 (Perry) 19:41

Penalties - Beauchemin Ana (interference) 13:00, Smith-Pelly Ana (holding) 14:55, Brookbank Ana (closing hand on puck) 16:46.

3. Anaheim, Smith-Pelly 2 (Ryan) 6:06 (pp) Penalties — St. Denis Mtl (tripping) 3:09, Plekanec Mtl (double high-sticking) 3:40, Selanne Ana (interference) 9:59, Hagman Ana (tripping) 16:39.

Third Period

4. Anaheim, Perry 11 (Beauchemin, Getzlaf) 2:55 (pp)

5. Anaheim, Hagman 2 (Perry, Getzlaf) 18:31 (en) Penalties - Diaz Mtl (interference) 1:51, Ryan Ana (boarding) 4:13, Moen Mtl (cross-checking) 7:30, Subban Mtl (tripping) 9:59, Subban Mtl (hooking) 12:48, Lydman Ana (hooking) 16:06. Shots

Montreal

Goal - Montreal: Rudai (L.1-3-0): Anaheim: Hiller (W,6-10-4). Power plays (goalschances) — Montreal: 0-7: Anaheim: 2-7 Referees — Gord Dwyer, Chris Rooney. Lines-

men — Brian Mach, Pierre Racicot. Att. - 13,237 (17,174) at Anaheim, Calif.

HOCKEY

AHL

Last night's results No games scheduled Wednesday's results

Charlotte 3 Texas 2 Houston 2 Lake Erie 1 Tonight's games

All Times Eastern

Toronto at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m. Manchester at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m. Connecticut at Providence, 7:05 p.m. Portland at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, 7:05 p.m. St. John's at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m. Adirondack at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.

Hershey at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m. Springfield at Worcester, 7:30 p.m. Houston at Rochester, 7:35 p.m. Peoria at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Lake Erie at Rockford, 8:05 p.m. Abbotsford at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games Houston at Toronto, 3 p.m.

Binghamton at Worcester, 7 p.m. Albany at Bridgeport, 7 p.m. Texas at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Chicago at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m Rochester at Hamilton, 7 p.m. Portland at Hershey, 7 p.m. Providence at Manchester, 7 p.m Connecticut at Springfield, 7 p.m. Adirondack at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m

Milwaukee at Peoria, 8 p.m. Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m. Abbotsford at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE CLEVELAND INDIANS-Named Phil Clark hit-

ting coach of Columbus (IL). KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Zach Miner, INF Jamie Romak, LHP Marlon Arias, LHP Tommy Hottovy, INF Tony Abreu, INF Eric Duncan and INF Sharlon Schoop on minor league contracts.

HOCKEY

BOSTON BRUINS — Signed C David Krejci to a three-year contract extension. Assigned F Jordan Caron and D Steve Kampfer to Providence (AHL). DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled RW Chris Conner from Grand Rapids (AHL). N.Y. ISLANDERS - Recalled D Dylan Reese

from Bridgeport (AHL) on an emergency basis. N.Y. RANGERS — Assigned F Andre Deveaux to Connecticut (AHL).

SOCCER

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CHIVAS USA — Declined 2012 contract op tions on D Andrew Boyens, F Chukwudi Chijin-du, M Simon Elliot, D Ante Jazic, G Zach Thornton and D Mariano Truiillo NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Re-signed G

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Last night's result Philadelphia at Seattle Sunday's games All Times Eastern

Kansas City at Chicago, 1 p.m. Atlanta at Houston, 1 p.m. Denver at Minnesota, 1 p.m. Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m N.Y. Jets at Washington, 1 p.m.

Oakland at Miami, 1 p.m. Tennessee at Buffalo, 1 p.m. Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m. Baltimore at Cleveland, 4:05 p.m. St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m. Dallas at Arizona, 4:15 p.m. Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m. Detroit at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's game San Diego at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m

CALENDAR

Jan. 1, 2012 — Regular season ends Jan. 7-8 — Wild-card playoffs. Jan. 14-15 — Divisional playoffs.

Jan. 22 — Conference championships. Jan. 29 - Pro Bowl, Honolulu. Feb. 5 - Super Bowl, Indianapolis

GOLF

UBS HONG KONG OPEN At Hong Kong Par: 70 (35-35) First Round Rory McIlroy David Horsey Alvaro Quiros Miguel Angel Jimenez Gareth Maybin Darren Beck Marcus Fraser Peter Hanson Juvic Pagunsan Kiradech Aphibarnrat Y.E.Yang Oliver Fisher Richie Ramsay Kunal Rhasin	
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Marcus Fraser	32-35-67
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Y.E.Yang	32-36-68
Oliver Fisher	36-32-68
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BMW NEW ZEALAND OPEN

At Christchurch, New Zealand Par: 72 (36-36)

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CHALLENGE

At Sun City, South Africa Par: 72 (36-36)

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BASEBALL

CALENDAR

Dec. 5-8 — Winter meetings, Dallas Dec. 5 - Hall of Fame Veterans Committee vote announced, Dallas.

Dec. 7 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept the offers. Dec. 12 - Last day for teams to offer 2012

contracts to unsigned players. 2012 Jan. 5-13 — Salary arbitrating filing.

Jan. 9 — Hall of Fame voting announced, New York Jan. 11-12 - Owners' meetings, Scottsdale, Ariz. Jan. 17 — Exchange of salary arbitration figures. Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Feb. 19 — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.











➤ Steven Jyles will be back with the Argos in 2012.

Gloves already off in CFL off-season

• Dan Toth looks at what to expect from the Canadian football in 2012 with an already compelling and controversial off-season underway

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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The Canadian Football League's offseason is like a Joe Kapp right cross — unexpected

A B.C. Lions fan works the crowd prior to the start of the CFL 99th Grey Cup last Sunday in Vancouver.

and dramatic, while packing enough punch to knock a veteran to the floor.

The next few months should be filled with staggering developments as all eight teams start juggling their rosters and running coaches out of town. The ultimate goal is to rebuild and make a run at the 100th Grey Cup next November in Toronto. Hamilhead coach Marcel

Bellefeuille has already been sent packing, Winnipeg offensive co-ordinator Jamie Barresi has been booted, Calgary defensive co-ordinator Chris Jones has bolted for Toronto and Montreal offensive co-ordinator Scott Milanovich has reunited with Argos GM Jim Barker. Consider the many other possibilities:

Buono steps aside: Newly crowned Grey Cup champ Wally Buono, who earned his fifth ring as a coach in Sunday's win over Winnipeg, has likely coached his last game.

At 61, Buono appears ready to hand the Lions' reins to a successor (possibly defensive co-ordinator Mike Benevides) and watch from the press box. Buono's three-year contract expires in 2013, and when he signed the current deal he

made it clear that he would not necessarily perform both roles before the contract expired.

Bombers look to strike first with Pierce: Winnipeg Blue Bombers GM Joe Mack will have his hands full this offseason with about a dozen unsigned free agents, including D-lineman Doug Brown who is expected to retire.

On top of Mack's list is quarterback Buck Pierce, who proved his mettle by avoiding injuries to get his club to the Grey Cup game. Mack also has to be concerned with fielding a team that can fill the new 33.000seat Winnipeg Stadium that opens in 2012.

Riders' top coaching choice already spoken for: Kent Austin tops the Christmas List of most Saskatchewan Roughriders

fans, but he's unlikely to accept the head coaching job

Now head coach at Cornell University, Austin won a Grey Cup with the Riders in 2007 but finds himself a candidate for a head job with a top college and eventually the NFL. Having Austin return to Regina is a romantic notion for the Riders faithful, but he's a longshot to return. GM Brendan Taman is more likely to offer the job to Calgary OC Dave Dickenson, but is Dickenson keen on the Queen City?

Scott jumps to Argos' ship: Has Scott Milanovich lost his mind? Yes, the Montreal Alouettes 2011 offensive coordinator, who took over Toronto's head coaching position Thursday, is old pals with Argos GM Jim Barker. But Toronto? Talk

about going from the penthouse to the outhouse with one stroke of a pen. Making matters worse, Barker has already re-signed QB Steven Jyles, who can't possibly be the starting quarterback next season.

Burris has suitors in Southern Ontario: Henry Burris, the CFL's Most Outstanding Player in 2010, could have options when it comes to finding a new team next season.

The obvious choice is Toronto, which needs a veteran quarterback like Angelo Mosca needs a good corner man. But Hamilton might also be in the market for a top pivot. Starter Kevin Glenn has been a disappointment in his three seasons in black and gold, even though he guided his team past Montreal in the East semifinal.

Bills blacked out in Buffalo

It comes as little surprise that the Buffalo Bills have announced their game against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday is not a sellout and will not be broadcast on local

The Bills announced the blackout on Thursday, a day after estimating they had more than 12,000 tickets still unsold. It marks the first blackout for the Bills this season. Three of Buffalo's home games were blacked out last season.

The team has traditionally struggled selling out games after Thanksgiving once the weather turns nasty. The associated press



McNabb cut loose by Vikings

The Minnesota Vikings have waived quarterback Donovan McNabb, according to a source, giving the 13-year veteran the opportunity to sign with another team for the stretch run.

The person spoke Thursday to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team has not vet announced the decision. The Vikings declined immediate comment.

McNabb was in the locker-room when it was open to reporters Thursday, but he wasn't on the field an hour later when practice began. Christian Ponder was promoted to replace McNabb as the starter after relieving him in the fourth quarter at Chicago on Oct.

McNabb threw only two interceptions in six games, but struggled to get the offence running.

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➤ Yesterday's answer

the case that something has not worked out to your full satisfaction but it's really no big deal.

in your fellow Earth sign of Taurus Share the lucky streak.

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Life is few days, but that's OK because you need to be challenged.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Today's Sun-Mars link will make it easy to get angry but, really, what's the point? Let it all wash over you.

₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Today's Sun-Mars union could bring you up against someone who is as domineering as you.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You seem to be in a bit of a fix at the moment with no obvious way out. Sit tight for the time being.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you don't listen to a loved one's advice today, the results could be traumatic. You don't know it all!

)-(Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. There's no point in getting angry or upset today. Try laughing

instead. SALLY BROMPTON

Sudoku

8			9		1				
6	1						7	3	
	5			4		6			
	9		8	5				7	
		3				1			
4				3	9		8		
		9		2			3		
3	2						6	5	
			7		3			2	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	3	6	8	2	4 5	5	1	7
7	4	8	9	1	5	6	3	2
2	1	5	7	6	3	9	8	4
5	7	4	3	8	2	1	6	9
3	6	2	1	7	9	8	4	5
1	8	9	5	4	6	7	2	3
6	9	3	2	5	1	4	7	8
8	5	1	4	3	1 7 8	2	9	6
4	2	7	6	9	8	3	5	1

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You can now post your kiss. and read even more kisses. at metronews.ca/kiss.

Cute Stats. All semester the only reason to come to class has been your beautiful face. I've seen you reading the metro some classes. Try looking back on Friday;) DELISH STRANGER

Jon. <3 my partner in crime JEN-

BlueJae hey i just wanted to let you know how pretty you are, school wouldn't be the same without you, every day on my way to school i hope I'm on the same bus so i can sit beside you, also i wanted to tell you i had a lot of fun watching twilight with you on Saturday- if we're reading this together like we do then i think this is where we kiss, so just close your eyes and lean in babe;) DECKS

TODAY Min -4° 🌥 Max -2°

SATURDAY Min -9° 🔼 Max 1°

SUNDAY Min -4° Max 1°

Andrew Schultz. Meteorologist "I get to spread the word

on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". WEEKDAYS 5:30AM



Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 20 Some extraordinary things will happen over the next few days. Whether they're good or bad is up to you. ¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't be afraid to put your own needs

first today because they will benefit

many other people as well. II Gemini May 22-June 21 If you take too many risks, your chances of coming through unscathed will be on the low side.

G Cancer June 22-July 22 Be a lot more flexible if you want to take advantage of the opportunities that are now coming your way. Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 It may be

My Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Jupiter indicates health, wealth and happi-

going to get tougher over the next

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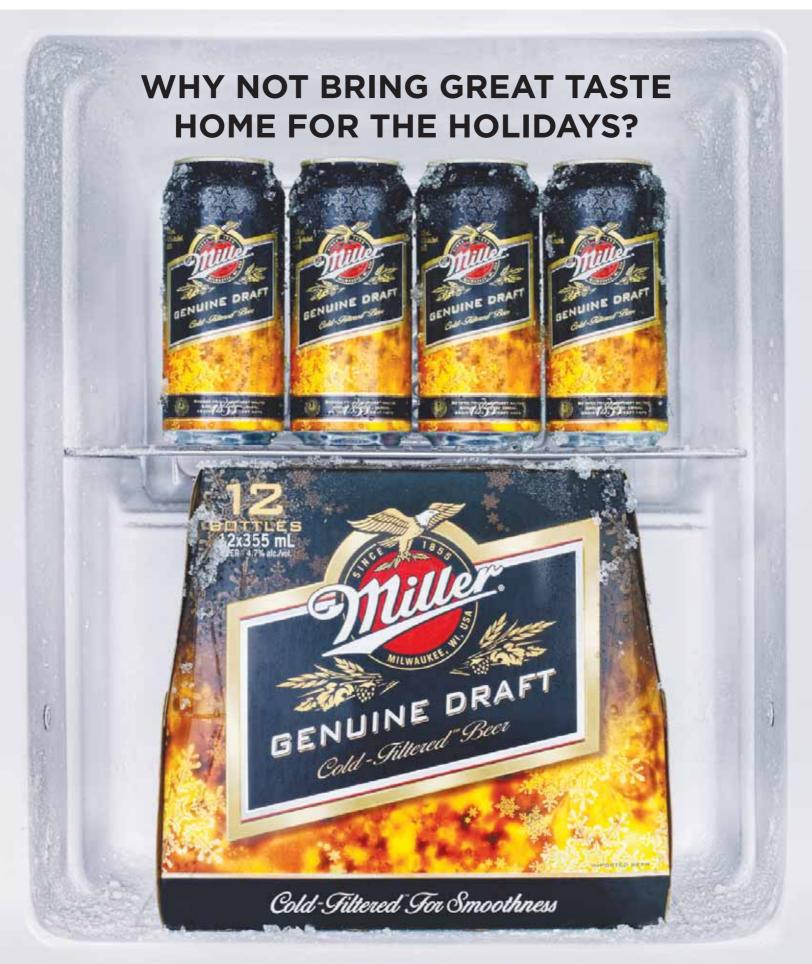




A. Added boat in the water above the 2012 Chevrolet Equinox. A. Changed front wheel reflector in bicycle to orange. 3. Removed support bas above the 2012 Chevrolet Equinox. A. Removed type 2012 Chevrolet Equinox. B. Changed colour of flowers wind the trunk of the 2012 Chevrolet Equinox. B. Changed colour of flowers.

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